

10 October 1952

Mr. Howard V. Fisher

[Redacted address block]

Dear Mr. Fisher:

In acknowledgment of your letter of September 30th, General Smith has asked me to note for you that your son is an employee of an agency not related to this one but one which comes under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Defense. I see that you have sent him a copy of your letter to General Smith and I feel sure that you will hear directly from the Department of Defense with respect to the status of your son.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature block]

Assistant to the Director

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September 30, 1952

General Walter Bedell Smith  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This morning's newspapers quote you as saying that you believe Communists have infiltrated every security agency of the Government and that you are doing everything possible to detect them. It may be helpful to you to learn of a specific instance where an intelligent non-communist employee of the Armed Forces Security Agency is no longer wanted.

Secretary of Defense Lovett, made the Commencement Address at Amherst College last June. He urged each member of the graduating class to adopt government service as a career. My Son, Howard M. Fisher was Marshal of that class and was one of a number who secured government jobs. He resides at 3502 South Wakefield Street, Arlington, Virginia, Telephone - Temple 8081, and is employed by the Armed Forces Security Agency and has been undergoing training for about 16 weeks. I understand that an examination was given to a group of applicants and that he was the top man of the group.

Regardless of the obvious need for this kind of man and the time and money spent for training, he is to be inducted into the Armed Forces on October 15 and his notice of induction therefore will be mailed before the end of this week. Howard's immediate superiors in the Agency are fully cognizant of the facts and no action has been taken allegedly because of the existence of certain rules and regulations.

From the foregoing facts, it is clear that Howard is capable of doing the work and it must therefore follow that if he is not now wanted it must be for some other reason. The pertinent rules and regulations may supply an excuse for lack of action but give no inkling as to the real reason therefore. This is especially so, since the said rules and regulations are made by the government and for its benefit

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and could therefore be easily amended or rescinded, if in the best interests of the war effort.

Howard applied for and excepted the job in good faith, on the recommendation of Secretary Lovett. I feel that I am entitled to know why he is no longer wanted.

Respectfully,

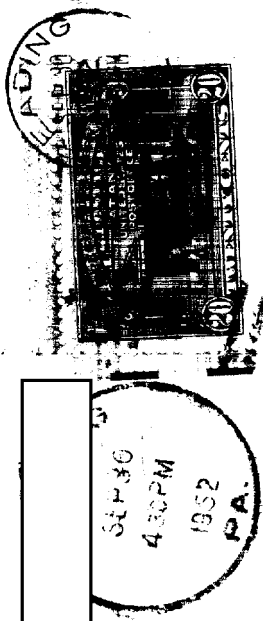
  
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